

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

> Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 7, 2024 Traditional Service with Holy Communion

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

WELCOME / &NNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"O Morning Star , How Fair and Bright"

Saxton

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life, you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

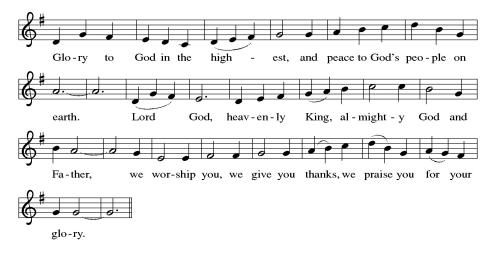


APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; ²that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; ³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness. ⁴Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor. ⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. ⁶Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. ⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. ¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. ¹¹May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. ¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper. ¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy. ¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

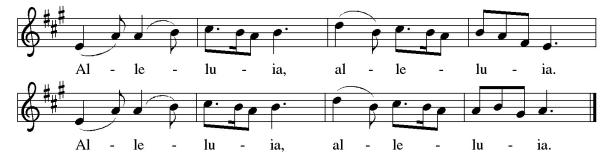
¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.""

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR BARB'S SERMON

Read by Lou Lerda

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God. **R: Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you!



OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. We are not currently passing the collection plates; instead you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship.

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.



ME&L

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, Let us pray as Jesus taught us,

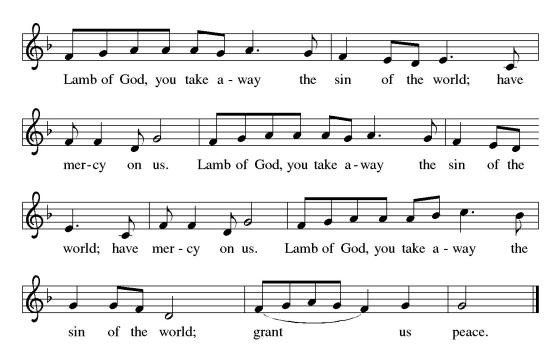
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

Thanks be to God.



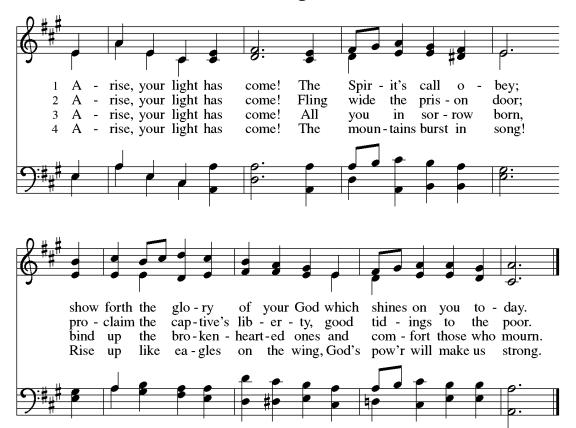
Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row. Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand. Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine or juice from the tray. Wine is red. Juice is white. After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

Please stand as you are able. COMMUNION BLESSING THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

ELW 314



"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"As With Gladness"

Lowe

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in anticipation of World Peace by Lou and Linda Lerda.





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Trinity's children by Dave and Becky Morningstar.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:			
Sunday, December 17, 2023:	122		
Online views:	82		
Sunday, December 24, 2023:	83		
Online views:	94		
Sunday, December 24, 2023:	248		
Online views:	300		
Sunday, December 31, 2023:	75		
Online views:	52		
Next week's Lessons:			
Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11			

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Liturgist	Lou Lerda	
Organist	Robert Eyer, Jr.	
Ushers	Don Grier Greg Fischer	
Acolyte	Luke Coder	
Lector	Ben Atherton	
Cantor	Lou Lerda	
Communion Asst.	Kathy Ashway Phil Lobaugh	
Communion Prep	Cindy Scanzello Mark Scanzello	
Livestream Team	Jason Brown	
Nursery	Linda Hins	

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family & Friends of Bernice Conner	Shirley Shilling	Greg Wilson		
Family & Friends of Leland Schaffer	Judy Royce	Doug Price		
Sister Barbara Barry	Denny Verner	Deb Hutsler		
Linda Snurr	Sharon Emmons	Thomas Clarke		
Diane Sterner	Carl Fahnestock	Brenda Zullinger		
Dodie Tash	Bob Shannon	Mary Royce		
Paul Stockhausen	Bea Clark	Phyllis Dusman		
Barry	Linda Remson	Floss Sterner		
Stanley Shilling	Jean Baughman	Curt Stambaugh		
Tammy McDonald	Sue Lensbower	Cheryl Kelly		
Becky Morningstar	Doris Krieble	Cameron		

MEMBERS

Anna Rae Morsberger

Elizabeth Muehl

Jesse Myers

Andrew, Deana, Brendan, Brooke, and Ty Nelson

**Names may be added / removed by calling the church office. **Names will normally be removed after <u>4 weeks.</u>

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of December 31, 2023: <u>\$205,096.31</u> Amount received as of December 31: <u>\$211,058.12</u>

Thank You!

2023 Giving Statements have been emailed to those members with an email address registered with the church. Printed Statements of Giving will be processed with in the next two weeks and mailed.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING Meals-On-Wheels

January is the month when we emphasize the Meals-On-Wheels program in our community. As we do so we ask for your financial support. Meals-On-Wheels is one of the best programs in our community for ministering to the needs of those less fortunate, people who are elderly, and who are ill. Most of them are able to pay for their meals, but some are not. This is where we can, as the churches of Chambersburg, make a big difference.

In case of Inclement Weather

GO TO TRINITY'S WEBSITE: https://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org

GO TO TRINITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE @trinitychambersburg

GO TO TRINITY'S INSTAGRAM PAGE @ trinitylutherancburg

WGAL - News 8 Closings & Delays

January 20th Newsletter Deadline

CPR is still being offered by the YMCA for congregation members at a discount. The church will cover the cost.

If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Evan Sutton via email @ evanjsutton@comcast.net, or phone at 717-263-7840.



SEWING GROUP Jan. 31 2024 @ 11 AM @ Helen W's home. For more info call/email

the church office.





MAPLEWOOD S2 OFF \$25.00 or More

> **Discount Cards!** Please see your SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary representative, Sharon Emmons to get yours at <u>mysunni@comcast.net</u> / or 717-264-3977. The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community--residents.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 1/07/24	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages:</i> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>
Monday - 1/08/24	6:00-8:00 PM 6:00-7:00 PM 7:00-8:30 PM	Bible and Brew Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 1/09/24	6:30 PM	Council - Lounge
Wednesday - 1/10/24	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Yoga - Social Hall Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 1/11/24		International Thank You Day
Friday - 1/12/24	6:00 - 8:00 PM 8:00 - 10:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 1/13/24	6:00-8:00 PM	Social Hall Reserved
Sunday - 1/14/24	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages:</i> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>

While Pastor Barb is away on Baby Duty, if you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Jane Nicholson, Pastor of First Lutheran at flcpastor@outlook.com or:

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Vision "Growing in God"

Mission Statement "Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community Steward - Giving to all the love of God Service - Showing the love of God with our community"